

Operations Branch

**SPECIAL JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL  
FOR EVALUATION OF DREDGED MATERIAL FOR DISPOSAL AT  
HAWAII OCEAN DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITES**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District (Corps) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional IX (EPA) have prepared a Regional Implementation Manual for evaluation of dredged material planned for disposal at the five Hawaii Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites (ODMDS's).

The RIM, developed jointly by the Corps and EPA, is intended to supplement the 1991 Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Ocean Disposal Testing Manual with regional attributes that recognize Hawaii's unique location and situation. Like the 1991 Testing Manual and Draft Inland Testing Manual, the RIM uses an effects-based, tiered testing approach. This approach is designed to ensure that adequate information is generated to determine the suitability of material proposed for ocean disposal, without making applicants incur unnecessary expense.

The RIM specifies procedures for sample collection, preservation, and storage, testing methodologies, and quality assurance/quality control procedures. It also includes the contaminants of concern in Hawaii and the species authorized for use in bioassays.

The draft RIM is available from the offices listed below. Comments should be sent to either of the addresses below no later than February 14, 1997 and should refer to the Regional Implementation Plan.

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